

DIVISION OF CUSTOMER SERVICES
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 104
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Thursday, February 16, 2017
9:02 a.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lynn Finocchiaro, LICSW
Ronda Jones, MSW, QRC
Barry Noel, LCSW
Walter Orellana, LICSW
Kimberly Perry, LICSW

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Connie Gallo, LCSW
Dr. Mary Ann Shallcross-Smith

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Alana Rodriguez, Board Manager
Sarah Harrigan, Chief of the Center for Professional Boards and Commissions

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Angelita Almeida, NASW RI
Esther Robbins, NASW RI
Rick Harris, NASW RI

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Social Work Examiners was held on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. on a motion by Lynn Finocchiaro and seconded by Barry Noel. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the November 10, 2016 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Barry Noel and seconded by Walter Orellana to accept the Open Session minutes of November 10, 2016. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. New Business

- a. Proposed Board Restructuring Legislation presented by Sarah Harrigan, Chief of the Center for Professional Boards and Commissions
Sarah Harrigan shared with the board the consolidation legislation proposal. The board offered recommendations and expressed concerns with the proposal within the profession and board composition. Sarah expressed gratitude to the board for feedback and expressed concerns.
- b. Review and discussion of the Rules and Regulations
The Board reviewed the Rules and Regulations and provided regulatory recommendations and revisions. A newly drafted copy will be brought back to the board at the next board meeting for approval.
- c. ASWB New Board Member Training March 31-April 2, 2017 in Orlando, Florida
Walter Orellana volunteered to attend the ASWB New Board Member Training. The board unanimously voted in favor.

4. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Kimberly Perry and seconded by Lynn Finnochiaro to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to

Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

5. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Rhonda Jones and seconded by Lynn Finocchiaro at 10:27 a.m. to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

6. Adjournment

The next Board of Social Work Examiners meeting will be held Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Kimberly Perry and seconded by Rhonda Jones to adjourn at 10:28 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alana Rodriguez".

Alana Rodriguez
Board Manager
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions